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(Previously presented) A method, comprising:

providing at least one program listing for browsing and for selecting a given program listing, the program listing presented on a personal digital assistant (PDA) through the use of a local electronic program guide (EPG) stored on the PDA;

receiving, by the PDA, a reminder marking for a program that is not currently being aired; and

sending, the reminder marking to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG, during synchronization between the local EPG on the PDA and the remote EPG on the STT, the synchronization being performed only after it is determined that the PDA is in direct communication with the STT.

- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising: receiving a selection of a second program that is currently being aired; and tuning the second program on a display device.
- 3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reminder marking indicates when for a recording device in communication with the STT to automatically record the program.
- 4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 comprising sending, by the PDA, a plurality of one parameters associated with the program to the recording device, the parameter to instruct the recording device to record the program.
- 5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the parameters are selected from a group consisting of: a channel the program is airing on, a title of the program, a start time of the program, an end time of the program, and a description of the program.

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- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 displaying the reminder marking in a calendar application on the PDA.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
 issuing an alert when the program is scheduled to air.
- (Previously presented) A system, comprising:
- a local electronic program guide (EPG) for presenting a plurality of program listings and for receiving a reminder marking; and
- a mobile computing device having local storage for storing the local EPG, the mobile computing device for receiving the program listings over a network from a program listing server;

wherein the reminder marking is sent from the mobile computing device to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG, during synchronization between the local EPG and the remote EPG, the synchronization being performed only after it is determined that the mobile computing device is in direct communication with the STT.

- (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the mobile computing device is a personal digital assistant.
- 10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the local storage on the mobile computing device stores a calendar software program.
- 11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the calendar software program records the reminder marking.

- (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the reminder marking 12. includes data selected from the group consisting of: a broadcast channel, a program title, a start time and an end time.
- (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein a calendar software 13. program issues an alert at the start time.
- (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the personal digital assistant is 14. operative to synchronize the recording mark with a recording device.

15-18. (Cancelled)

(Previously presented) A system, comprising: 19.

a local electronic program guide (EPG) software program to provide a plurality of program listings for browsing, selecting, and for reminder marking, the program listings being received from a program listing server via a network; and

a personal digital assistant (PDA) including a local storage device for storing the local EPG software program, the program listings, and at least one reminder marking;

wherein the reminder marking is sent from the PDA to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG software program, during synchronization between the local EPG software program and the remote EPG software program, the synchronization being performed only after it is determined that the PDA is in direct communication with the STT.

- (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the reminder marking 20. indicates when a program starts.
- (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the reminder marking 21. indicates when for a recording device in communication with the STT to automatically record a program.

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- (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising: 22.
- a personal information management (PIM) software program to display the reminder marking on a calendar, the PIM software program being stored on the local storage device on the PDA.
- (Previously presented) A method, comprising: 23.

receiving, by a personal digital assistant (PDA), a plurality of program listings from a program listing server via a network;

providing, by a local electronic program guide (EPG) software program, the program listings for browsing, selecting, and for reminder marking, the local EPG software program being stored on a local storage device on the PDA;

storing at least one reminder marking on the local storage device on the PDA; and

sending, by the PDA, the reminder marking to a set top terminal (STT) that stores a remote EPG software program, during synchronization between the local EPG software program on the PDS and the remote EPG software program on the STT;

wherein the synchronization is performed only after it is determined that the PDA. is in direct communication with the STT.

- (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the reminder marking 24. indicates when a program starts.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the reminder marking 25. indicates when for a recording device in communication with the STT to automatically record a program.